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Dear Property Owner:

In the Fall 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in response to a request by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), conducted a study of the 5.5 mile stretch of the Willamette River extending from Sauvie Island to the Swan Island Shipyard. As part of the follow-up to the 1997 study we are preparing a Portland Harbor Sediments Management Plan which will provide a framework for assessing impacts of contamination on the harbor environment and coordinating agency responsibilities. We expect to complete this plan by May 1999. As you may have heard, the EPA is considering adding this section of the river to the National Priorities List (NPL or Superfund). Completion of the Portland Harbor Sediments Management Plan is part of our effort to demonstrate to EPA that we can achieve desired cleanup and restoration goals at the State level and that Superfund listing is unnecessary.

It is our understanding that you own shoreline property within this portion of the river. Consequently, we are providing you with this update on the study and follow-up activities. We have enclosed a fact sheet on the study which describes preliminary findings. Additional information is also available through our Web site which can be found at:
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/cleanup/clean.htm>.

A section of the management plan will discuss potential sources of contamination to the harbor and actions taken to address these sources. We will be looking closely at all properties that are adjacent to the river, as well as storm water outfalls and combined sewer overflow outfalls (CSOs). As we complete this evaluation, we may be requesting additional historical information from you or parties that are leasing your property and we encourage you to provide available information. Since this update is being provided to property owners only, we would appreciate it if you could provide a copy to your lessees.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sutter at 229-6148.

Sincerely,



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